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THE CHRONICLE COMMITTEE

for the year 1931-32 is as follows :—

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A. Sutton (Editor)

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J. Underwood

W. Cope

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EDITORIAL.

SINCE the last issue of the Chronicle, Miss Woodhead has left us to become Head Mistress of the Ware Grammar School for Girls. We were very sorry indeed to say good-bye to her, and are very grateful for all she has done for the School, during the five years she has been our Head Mistress. We owe to Miss Woodhead the existence of the School Council, which she founded in order to make the School take a greater responsibility in its Government, and she introduced the Employment Rotas which have been so valuable to those of us seeking advice about our careers—but it is impossible to thank Miss Woodhead for all the School owes her, and for the interest she took in each one of us. As a parting gift to the School, Miss Woodhead presented a beautiful Head Girl's brooch. The design is a torch, circled by the School motto, representing the School tradition handed on from each head to her successor. We welcome Miss Cooper as our new Head Mistress, and hope she will be happy in Uttoxeter.

At the end of the Summer Term Miss Fair left us and is now teaching at the Central High School in Sheffield. This term Miss Foxton and Miss Phillips joined the Staff. Miss Foxton is teaching Geography and Mathematics, and Miss Phillips the Junior School. It is a great pleasure to have an Old Girl on the Staff.

Our numbers have risen to 166 this term, and the Junior School is now housed entirely at the Red Gables form rooms, which look gay and cheerful with the fresh yellow distempered walls.

Last season we had to scratch five of our Hockey matches owing to bad weather and the condition of our field. This term we have had to scratch many practice games; for even when the weather has been fit the field has not.

The School is hoping to give more support to the Summer Lane Settlement in Birmingham. We entertained the Mothers as usual in the summer, but are sending sacks of clothing and toys, and part of the collection from the Nativity Play, to Birmingham for Christmas. We are hoping that one of the Settlement Staff will come over to give us a lantern lecture in the Spring Term.

We thank all those who sent in contributions to the Chronicle, and hope that those whose articles were refused this time will try again.

A. SUTTON.

M. MELLOR.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS.

In the Autumn Term the prefects were as follows :—

Head Girl: F. Bull.

In Apollo: D. Mayfield, A. Sutton (full).

In Jupiter: K. Salt, J. Underwood (full); J. West, D. Watson (on probation).

In Neptune: M. Martin (full); D. Stanley (on probation).

In the Spring Term :—

M. Bagnall, W. Cope, D. Stanley, D. Watson and J. West were made full prefects.

In the Summer Term :—

M. Mellor and B. Watson were made prefects on probation.

AUTUMN TERM, 1930.

October 20th.—The first meeting of the School Council.

October 24th.—French Society Meeting, tea and an entertainment by the members.

October 27th.—School Council Meeting.

October 30th.—Speech Day.

November 5th.—Lecture by Captain Baker to the Science Society.

November 12th.—Interim School Council Meeting.

November 17th.—Science Society Meeting.

November 24th.—School Council Meeting.

November 25th.—Party went to Denstone to see Henry V.

November 27th.—Debate: "That newspapers are a menace to the public."

November 28th.—O.G.S Autumn Meeting.

December 1st.—Mr. Griffiths lectured to French Society on Italy and Switzerland.

December 8th.—Impromptu Debate.

December 13th.—Carol singing expedition for St. Dunstan's.

December 15th.—School Council Meeting.

December 18th.—Breaking-up party.

SPRING TERM, 1931.

January 26th.—School Council Meeting.

February 9th.—A Science Society Meeting. Y. Underwood and W. Ward read papers.

February 11th.—School went to see scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," and "The School for Scandal."

February 24th.—School Council Meeting.

March 13th.—Staff 'At Home' to parents.

March 21st.—Old Girls' Play: "The School for Scandal."

March 23rd.—Science Society Meeting. Dr. Foxton gave a lecture on "The History of Medical Science."

March 26th.—Debate: "Capital punishment ought to be abolished."

March 27th.—Drill Competition.

March 30th.—Music Competition. School Council Meeting.

SUMMER TERM, 1931.

May 18th.—Debate: "Shyness is the cause of half the miseries of the world."

May 19th.—Sports' Day.

June 1st.—School Council Meeting.

June 2nd.—Mr. Wilson came and lectured on the League of Nations.

June 29th.—School Birthday Celebrations.

June 30th.—School Council Meeting.

July 18th.—Apollo—Mars Tennis Tournament in aid of House Charities.

July 20th.—House Tennis Tournament.
 July 23rd.—Visit of Birmingham Mothers.
 July 27th.—School Council Meeting.

DRILL BADGES.

D. Ball, M. Millington, M. Allred, P. Bull.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.

S. Prince, J. Mason.

HOCKEY COLOURS.

B. Stubbs, M. Vernon.

AUTUMN TERM, 1931.

September 28th.—School Council Meeting.
 October 19th.—Science Society Meeting. M. Mellor and B. Stubbs gave lectures.
 October 26th.—School Council Meeting.
 October 29th.—Speech Day.
 November 16th.—Debating Society Meeting. "Foreign travel is more pleasurable than English travel."
 November 24th.—A party of girls went to see the Shakespearean Play at Denstone.
 November 30th.—Lecture to the Junior Branch of the League of Nations on "War," by Commander Lewis.
 December 4th.—A meeting of the French Society, tea and entertainment by the members.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO.

AUTUMN TERM.—This term we welcomed Miss Fair as our House Mistress.

SPRING TERM.—February 6th. Neptune invited Apollo to tea and games.

March 6th. We invited Jupiter to tea and games.

Hockey.—We were rather unfortunate this year as we had few senior girls in the House and our team consisted of juniors. We finished third.

Drill.—In the Drill Competition we were fourth. Work hard Apollo, and move up next year!

Music.—In the Eisteddfod we were fourth.

SUMMER TERM.—*Sports.*—We did not do well this year in sports. Only a few girls entered for the races, consequently few races were won. If more girls were to compete we should do better. We were fourth in the total marks.

Tennis.—B. Stubbs and A. Sutton represented the House, and we were fourth. Everyone must practise hard.

On July 18th, we joined with Mars in organising a tennis tournament in aid of House charities. Unfortunately the weather was unsettled and, consequently, we had few spectators. The sum of £9 was raised, half of which was given to Dr. Barnado's Homes.

This has not been a successful year for us. It is true we had only a few senior girls, which was a great handicap, but if everyone worked harder and took more interest in games, we should do better in this coming year.

A. SUTTON.

JUPITER.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were sorry to lose Miss Kirby, who left us to become a House Mistress in Mars.

We invited Mars House to tea and games.

SPRING TERM.—Apollo House invited us to tea and games.

Hockey.—E. Frost was captain, but as she left unexpectedly, J. Underwood vice-captained the team. Our team was keen, but we were unfortunate in having so few good players. Several of the younger girls show promise, but everyone must practise hard. In the House Matches we were fourth.

Drill.—Once more we realised how much we were lacking in Athletic prowess. However, everyone did her best, and several of the juniors should do well. In the competition we were third.

Music.—This year, the Eisteddfod took on a different form. I think we should have done better could we have practised beforehand. We came out second.

SUMMER TERM.—*Sports.*—We did not gain many points this year, and what few we had were won mainly by juniors. L. Tunnicliffe was runner-up for the Junior Cup. If girls were to enter for more races and compete more keenly we should do better. We were third in total marks.

Tennis.—This season, the House was represented by Kathleen Salt and Joan Pilcher. We were third, Neptune beating us by one point.

On the whole, last year was disappointing. The House does not work together sufficiently. If some of the younger members were more conscientious in the small things in House life, such as attending the meetings punctually and getting fewer deductions, it would help them to get that 'House Spirit,' which is so essential to a successful house. Let this year's results show us nearer the top.

KATHLEEN SALT.

MARS.

AUTUMN TERM.—We were very pleased to welcome two new House Mistresses to Mars: Miss Kirby from Jupiter House and Miss Forrester.

We decided that from now, as a House, we should support the North Staffordshire Association for the Blind. We agreed to have a weekly collection at House meetings to obtain a little money until we could arrange some other means of raising money for this charity.

We very much enjoyed being asked by Jupiter to tea and games on November 21st.

SPRING TERM.—This term, we were fortunate in having several members of the hockey team in our House. The team co-operated well, and we won all our matches and obtained the Cup.

We also won the Drill Cup. The juniors, who were poor at the beginning, worked well and improved with practise.

This term, the Eisteddfod consisted of a Sight Singing and an Oral Test. We won the bâton for the second time.

SUMMER TERM.—The House did much better in the Sports this year. W. Jackson won the Junior and F. Bull the Senior Championship, D. Ball was the senior runner-up. We won the relay-race and, finally, the Cup.

In the tennis matches we again won the Cup: D. Ball and F. Bull representing the House.

On July 18th, we joined with Apollo in organising an American Tournament. Clock golf was run in connection with the tournament, and there was also a pound stall. In spite of the unsettled weather conditions the whole tournament realised £9, half of which was devoted to the charity we are supporting.

Our greatest achievement this year was winning the House Shield.

F. BULL.

NEPTUNE.

AUTUMN TERM.—We welcomed Miss Pierce-Thomas as one of our House Mistresses.

SPRING TERM.—We Invited Apollo House to tea and games.

In the Drill Competition we again held the second place. The seniors have improved, but the juniors were not so good as last year.

In the Music Competition we were third.

The hockey team has improved a great deal since last year ; we gained the second place for the Hockey Cup. In the match against Mars we lost by 2—0 ; in the match against Apollo we won, 3—1 ; in the match against Jupiter we drew, 0—0. We owe a great deal to Miss Pierce-Thomas, who gave up much time to coach the hockey team, and we are very grateful to her.

SUMMER TERM.—In the tennis matches we were second : D. Stanley and M. Brown representing the House.

This year Neptune helped in entertaining the Birmingham Mothers by performing a sketch and by organising various competitions.

A small Sale of Work was again held in aid of the Alton Cripples' Home. The stalls were emptied very quickly, and we were able to send £6 13s. to Miss Ruegg for the Alton Cripples' Home.

MARGARET MARTIN.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

PRIZE LIST, 1930.

FORM PRIZES.—I. : G. Mellor, A. Surtees. II. : N. Bentley. III. : M. Perrins, G. Thurman. IV.b : M. Snell ; Mathematics, O. Taylor. IV.a : M. Brown, K. Hollins, Y. Underwood ; Languages, E. Cawser. V.b : P. Atkinson, M. Mellor. V.a : D. Mayfield, J. Underwood. VI.b : Mathematics, F. Bull. VI.a : Leaving Prizes, J. Mellor, G. Hambleton ; French, G. Hambleton.

SCRIPTURE PRIZE.—M. Bagnall.

DRAWING PRIZE.—D. Ball.

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor).—G. Hambleton.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZES (presented by Mrs. Eckersley).—N. Brooks, J. Taylor.

NEEDLEWORK PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Ward).—N. Brooks.

ESSAY PRIZES (presented by Miss Ruegg).—Senior, M. Martin, J. West; Junior, Y. Underwood.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Miss Malvern).—J. Underwood.

"JOSEPH WILLIAMS" MUSIC PRIZE.—F. Bull.

VIOLIN PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Wilkins).—D. Ainsworth.

OLD GIRLS' PRIZE FOR DRILL.—Y. Underwood.

MERITA PRIZE (presented by Miss Budgen).—J. Mellor.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—G. Hambleton, J. Mellor, M. Martin (subsidiary standard).

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—Matriculation standard: D. Mayfield, V. Roberts, K. Salt, J. Underwood.

Pass.—M. Bagnall, D. Ball, M. Hamilton, A. Sutton, D. Watson, J. West, K. Preston.

COUNTY MINOR (C) SCHOLARSHIP.—P. Atkinson.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

JOINT BOARD R.A.M. AND R.C.M.—Rudiments of Music (Local Centre), F. Bull.

Piano (Lower Division), J. Pilcher; Elementary Division, J. Young; Primary Division, M. Chapman, J. Smith.

HOUSE AWARDS.

Hockey Cup, Apollo; Tennis Cup, Mars; Drill Cup, Mars; Garden Cup, Mars; Sports Cup, Apollo; Music Bâton, Mars.

HOUSE SHIELD.—Mars.

SPEECH DAY, 1931.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, October 29th, in the Town Hall. We were glad that so many parents and friends were able to be present. The Rev. T. A. Moxon, Headmaster of Denstone College, very kindly distributed the prizes.

In his address, Mr. Moxon said that the spirit of giving should have a prominent place in School life. We should come to School not to get what we could from it, but to try to put all we could into it, to do something which would enable us to say after we had left School, that we had had a good influence in the School, and that no one was the worse for our being there.

Mr. T. W. Orme proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Moxon, which was seconded by Joan Underwood.

A short concert followed, after which many people came on to tea at School.

M. MELLOR.

PRIZE LIST, 1931.

FORM PRIZES.—I.: G. Mellor. II.: D. Amos. III.: J. Bagnall, B. Taylor. IV.b: K. Pearson, M. Perrins. IV.a: K. Simms, M. Snell. V.b: B. Stubbs; Languages, E. Cawser. V.a: M. Bagnall, A. Sutton, B. Watson, D. Watson. VI.: F. Bull.

SCRIPTURE PRIZE (presented by Mrs. Ward).—M. Bagnall.

ESSAY PRIZES (presented by Miss Ruegg).—Senior, J. Underwood, M. Mellor; Junior, S. Dykes.

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor).—D. Wood.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Miss Malvern).—F. Bull.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZES (presented by Mrs. Eckersley).—D. Hammersley, J. Bradbury.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES (presented by the Old Girls).—J. Underwood, D. Hall.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—F. Bull.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD.—Matriculation Certificates: M. Bagnall (distinction in New Testament History and English Literature), A. Sutton, B. Watson, D. Watson.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—W. Cope, N. Kirkland, M. Mellor.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

JOINT BOARD R.A.M. AND R.C.M.—Pianoforte (Primary Division), N. Bentley, B. Torrance, Pass; (Lower Division), M. Snell, J. Young, Pass; (Higher Division), J. Pilcher, M. Jeffery, Pass.

HOUSE AWARDS.

Hockey Cup, Mars; Tennis Cup, Mars; Drill Cup, Mars; Sports Cup, Mars; Music Bâton, Mars.

HOUSE SHIELD.—Mars.

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY. June 29th.

We were very pleased to see several Old Girls at prayers, and we hope that more will be able to come next year. There was also quite a number of Old Girls present in the afternoon, including some whom we had not seen for several years, and some of them took part in a tennis tournament, in which each present girl partnered an Old Girl or member of the Staff.

The School received several telegrams and letters of congratulation during the day, and a gift of a Prie Dieu from Miss Woodhead. We now use this every morning.

The weather was fine, so we had tea on the lawn. Soon after this, the party ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The School's Birthday present this year was a Medici print of a Madonna by Bellini. B. WATSON.

GAMES.—HOCKEY.

This year our team has again changed considerably. At the beginning of the season our defence was very weak, but as the season advanced it improved and became more reliable.

At Christmas we lost our vice-captain and left-wing in D. Mayfield. The left-half moved forward to the left-wing, and K. Halden was included in the team, J. Bradbury serving as reserve.

The outstanding players were on the forward line, the inside forwards were very quick in dribbling and in shooting. The right-wing, B. Stubbs, who was new to 1st XI. hockey, improved her play very quickly, and gained her colours, as also did M. Vernon, the right-half. The centre-half was a reliable player, both in marking and in backing up the forwards. The goalkeeper improved very much towards the end of the season.

In the Autumn Term the team was as follows:—(R.W.) B. Stubbs; (R.I.) D. Ball; (C.F.) F. Bull; (L.I.) A. Sutton; (L.W.) D. Mayfield; (R.H.) M. Vernon; (C.H.) D. Stanley; (L.H.) Y. Underwood; (R.B.) J. Underwood; (L.B.) D. Hammersley; (G.) W. Cope.

The House Matches were played at the end of the Spring Term, the results being:—1st, Mars with 6 points; 2nd, Neptune with 4 points; 3rd, Apollo with 2 points; 4th, Jupiter.

HOCKEY FIXTURES.—Autumn Term, 1930.

- Oct. 18.—Westwood Hall, Leek (home), won 8—3.
- Nov. 8.—Burton High School (home), drew 1—1.
- „ 22.—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), scratched.
- Dec. 6.—Parkfield Cedars School, Derby (away), lost 5—0.
- „ 13.—Uttoxeter Ladies, (home) won 7—0.

Spring Term, 1930,

- Feb. 7.—Westwood Hall, Leek (away), scratched.
 „ 14.—Parkfield Cedars School, Derby (home), scratched.
 „ 28.—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), scratched.
 Mar. 14.—Burton High School (away), lost 3—0.
 „ 21.—Uttoxeter Ladies, scratched.
 „ 25.—Longton High School (home), won 5—1.
 „ 28.—Ashbourne Grammar School (home), won 7—1.

TENNIS.

The School has now become a member of the Midland Girls' Schools Lawn Tennis League.

Only one couple played in the League matches, D. Hammersley and F. Bull represented the School. In the first round of the tournament, the School played Kidderminster High School and won. We then played in the tournament which was held at Birmingham. The School then played the Alice Ottley School, Worcester, and lost after a good game. We had the privilege of watching the tournament played to the finish, Malvern Girls' College being the winners.

We played four other tennis matches. The first couple were reliable, but the second and third couples needed practice and seldom won their matches, so that the whole matches were often lost. The team was as follows:—1st couple, D. Ball and F. Bull; 2nd, D. Hammersley and D. Stanley; 3rd, K. Salt and M. Brown; Y. Underwood and J. Pilcher also played.

The following matches were played:—

- May 30.—School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley.
 School lost 6—3.
 July 4.—Ashbourne Grammar School. Drawn match.
 „ 11.—Westwood Hall, Leek. School won 5—4.
 „ 22.—Ashbourne Grammar School. School lost 6—3.
 „ 25.—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle. Scratched.

The House Matches were played with the following results:—
 1st, Mars with 42 points; 2nd, Neptune; 3rd, Jupiter; 4th, Apollo.

F. E. BULL (Captain).

THE SPORTS.

This year the Sports were held on Tuesday, May 19th.

The cross-country race, which was run before Sports' Day, was won by D. Ball, and B. Stubbs was second.

The Senior Championship was won by F. Bull, of Mars House, with 31 points, D. Ball being runner-up with 28 points. The Junior Championship was won by W. Jackson, of Mars House, with 49 points, and L. Tunnicliffe was runner-up with 18 points.

F. Bull won the Senior High Jump and J. Dalley the Junior High Jump. The Senior and Junior Long Jumps were won by D. Ball and W. Jackson respectively.

The result of the relay race was: 1st, Mars; 2nd Neptune; 3rd, Apollo; 4th, Jupiter.

The Sports' Cup was this year won by Mars House.

MARGARET BAGNALL.

GIRL GUIDES

(1st Uttoxeter Company).

In spite of difficulties the School Guide Company has met most weeks during the year. We can never hope to do as much work as other companies, as we have such short meetings and the Guides have so many other interests.

Our numbers, as usual, have fluctuated; we began the year with 23 Guides, and in July we had 25, but 5 of these, including 3 Patrol leaders, left at the end of the Summer Term. As we now have only 20 Guides, two patrols have had to join together. During the year, 7 recruits have passed their Tenderfoot tests, 4 Guides have passed their 2nd Class tests, and the following Proficiency Badges have been gained:—Cook (2), Needlewoman (4), Cyclist (1), Pathfinder (7), Booklover (4), Writer (7), Music Lover (1), Singer (3), Ambulance (7), Embroidress (2), Swimmer (3), Sick Nurse (1).

Much time has been spent in learning Country Dancing, and some of our Guides danced at Tutbury and Uttoxeter in aid of charities.

Miss Beck kindly presented the Company with the King's Colours, which were dedicated at Uttoxeter Parish Church on March 7th.

Church Parade has been held once this term.

On May 16th, we went for a day's hike to Eaton Woods. Each patrol made a fire and cooked its own dinner. In the afternoon, stalking and tracking were played, and we returned home after tea.

On October 8th, we were in charge of the cake and sweet stall at a Guide Fair, when £20 16s. was raised for Division and Camping Funds.

SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Last year saw the beginning of the School Council, and during the twelve months the Council has become firmly established and has proved itself infinitely useful in School life.

At the Preliminary meeting, held on October 20th, it was decided that the Head Mistress and Head Girl should be ex-officio Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. The Council should consist of Staff, Prefects and two representatives from each form, a quorum of eight girls and three Staff members should be formed, and there should be a Secretary of the Council to hold office for one year. The meetings of the Council should be held on the last Monday of the month, except when this was impossible, when the date should be arranged.

The object of the School Council is to arouse a sense of responsibility in the girls, and to impress upon them that, as a community, they have some share in the government of the School. This means that they must realise the need for self-discipline and work to attain it.

During the year several matters have been discussed, chief among which are: the question of order marks, School uniform, charities, House gardens, and several minor details of organisation. Order marks have been abolished and rules for uniform drawn up. Each House now supports some charitable object, and House gardens no longer exist, as everyone thought it better that they should belong to individuals.

The School Council is very much in its infancy. It should prove a very important factor in School life, but it can only grow gradually, and it depends largely upon the way in which each member of the School respects and tries to carry out its wishes.

KATHLEEN SALT (Secretary).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The activities of the Debating Society have lessened considerably this year, only four debates being held, one of which was a practice debate, the speakers being drawn from the House.

The first debate of the year was held on November 27th. The motion was "That Newspapers are a menace to the public." The speakers were: opener on the affirmative, E. Frost; seconder, D. Ball. Opener on the negative, M. Mellor; seconded by Y. Underwood. When the motion was put before the House only a few girls spoke. The motion was lost by unanimous voting.

The Practice Debate was held on December 8th. Quite a number of girls attended the meeting, and nearly all of them spoke. The speakers were drawn by ballot by the Chairman and were expected to speak for three minutes each. Three motions were debated upon, being "That we are less bored than our ancestors," "That we eat to live, not live to eat," "That the speed limit is not the best way to ensure safety on the road."

The only meeting held in the Spring Term was on March 26. The motion before the House was "That capital punishment ought to be abolished." D. Watson opened on the affirmative, seconded by B. Stubbs; and M. Bagnall opened on the negative, seconded by M. Craik. Very few girls spoke when the motion was open to the House. The motion was lost by a large majority.

The last meeting of the year was held on May 18th. The motion was "That shyness is the cause of half the misery of the world." J. Underwood opened on the affirmative, seconded by E. Causer. The opener on the negative was K. Salt, seconded by D. Hammersley. There was still a reluctance on the part of the girls to speak. The motion was carried by a majority of five.

This year has not been a very great success for the Society. Two of the meetings had to be abandoned owing to other activities, but the three debates held were made less interesting than they might have been, because so few girls spoke when the motion was put before the House.

This year's Committee was as follows :—

Chairman : D. Mayfield (1930), K. Salt (1931) ; Secretary : J. Underwood ; Miss Thomas, F. Bull, A. Sutton.

J. UNDERWOOD (Secretary).

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Last year we were unfortunately unable to hold the full number of meetings. Nevertheless, the Society still flourishes, although members still do not pay their subscriptions promptly.

On October 20th, Captain Baker gave a lecture on "Milk." He told us of what it consisted and how it can be treated ; he showed us several samples of milk which had been experimented on.

The second meeting of the Autumn Term was held on November 17th. It took the form of an exhibition and competition, organised by J. Underwood and D. Mayfield. The exhibition consisted of articles and pictures of scientific interest, brought by the girls. For the competition, members were asked to name certain specimens. The competition was won by B. Watson.

At the meeting held on February 9th, Miss Kirby explained the work of the Flora's League, and invited girls to give in their names if they wished to become members.

Y. Underwood then gave a paper on "Snails." She described the various kinds and their habits, and gave us many interesting details of snail-life. W. Ward also gave a paper on "Photography," in which she described how films were developed and how to make a simple camera. She also told us of the various uses to which a camera can be put, and concluded by showing us some x-ray negatives.

On March 23rd, Dr. Foxton came to lecture to us on "The History of Medical Science." He asked us to try to imagine London without its modern conveniences of electric light and drainage. It could not exist without these things, but without the knowledge of Medical Science, London would be uninhabitable. Something of Medical Science was known many years before the birth of Christ. Hippocrates realised the need of sending people suffering from Tuberculosis to the hills. We were also told of the history of Medical Research in England, how precarious a living a doctor had in the middle ages, and the wonders of Medical Discoveries.

An expedition was planned to the Manifold Valley, but this had to be abandoned owing to rain.

KATHLEEN SALT.

THE BIRMINGHAM MOTHERS.

For several days before July 23th, we were busy with arrangements to entertain a party of Birmingham Mothers for the fifth time. Some girls were cooking while the rest of us were busy preparing games and competitions.

When the mothers arrived they were in high spirits, and threw themselves into spending a jolly day with us. They were welcomed by Old Girls, who stayed with us for the rest of the afternoon.

At lunch, large quantities of cold beef, ham, salad, fruit pie, fresh fruit and custard soon disappeared, and everyone looked happy and contented. The mothers enjoyed being shown round the gardens by the dinner girls, who proudly drew attention to their own plots. Many of the mothers left the gardens wearing large button holes. We sang various well-known songs to the mothers during the afternoon. When they joined us in singing rounds, such as "Three blind mice," "London's burning," etc., we got hopelessly mixed up, but none of us minded, we were far too happy.

Unfortunately, it began to rain during the afternoon, and we were drawn reluctantly indoors. Each House had prepared to entertain the mothers for a little while. Jupiter House arranged a hat-trimming competition, in which each mother was provided with crinkled paper and pins and asked to make a hat. Some of the hats were most attractive, and many of the quaint little bonnets were pretty. The mothers paraded round the room wearing the hats they had made, amid such laughter. The winning hat was a charming little toque in navy blue. Apollo House introduced a smelling competition, of which the winner guessed nineteen articles out of twenty. Neptune girls performed an amusing little sketch, and Mars House conducted a blindfold game. The winners of the various competitions were awarded small prizes. The mothers had to leave us shortly after tea; each one was given a bunch of flowers and a parcel of fruit and eggs. We were very sorry when the time came for them to go, and are already looking forward to having them next year.

Our thanks are due to the parents of the girls who so kindly sent fruit, eggs, flowers, etc., and to the Old Girls who helped us on that day. Without their assistance we should find it very difficult to entertain the mothers.

D. WATSON.

LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS.

Le comité du Cercle Français pour l'année 1930-31 était comme il suit:—M. Martin, F. Bull, Miss Forrester, J. Underwood, K. Salt.

Il y a eu une réunion du cercle le 24 Octobre, 1930. Après que nous eussions pris le thé, les membres du cercle ont donné un concert aux visiteurs. Chaque classe a chanté une chanson française. M. Martin a récité "La Mort et le Bucheron" par La Fontaine, et la quatrième classe a présenté une comédie, "Le Petit Chaperon Rouge," avec un chœur de jeunes filles qui étaient habillées pour représenter un bois et des oiseaux.

La sixième classe a annoncé les articles. Nous avons eu le plaisir d'écouter des récits français au moyen du phonographe. La réunion était bien appréciée par les membres du cercle.

Le premier décembre, M. Griffiths nous a fait l'honneur de venir parler au sujet d'un voyage en Suisse et en Italie. Il a eu soin de parler lentement et de sorte que nous ayons pu tout comprendre. Tout le monde a bien joui du discours, et M. Martin et Y. Underwood ont exprimé nos sincères remerciements à Monsieur Griffiths.

Pendant l'été nous avons projeté une réunion en plein air et nous espérons jouer au tennis, tout en parlant français. Mais le mauvais temps nous a empêché de mettre à exécution ce dessein, et nous attendons l'hiver pour continuer la série de nos réunions.

H. F.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

This year a branch of the Junior League of Nations was formed in the School. Girls who wished to join were given their membership cards and badges, and a committee was elected. It was as follows:—Chairman, Miss Thomas; Secretary, J. Underwood; F. Bull, K. Salt, A. Sutton.

The first meeting of the Society was held on June 2nd. The rest of the School also attended. Mr. Alec Wilson lectured to us about the causes of the world war, and how remote from us the disturbances seemed at first, and how England was drawn into the struggle. He went on to tell us of similar unrest existing at the present day, and of the work which the League was doing to prevent actual fighting.

The School thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Wilson's lecture.

J. UNDERWOOD.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

The Autumn Meeting was held on November 24th. The following members were elected as House Secretaries:—Miss R. Allport, Apollo; Miss M. Price, Jupiter; Miss J. Babb, Mars; Miss K. Tibbits, Neptune. Miss H. Tatlow was elected Treasurer, and the Secretary was re-elected. Miss J. Babb was re-elected as Old Girls' Hockey Captain. The following members were elected as Tea Committee: Misses K. Hardy, K. Tibbits, J. Babb, L. Watson, R. Brittlebank, M. Ryder and R. Allport.

The Business Meeting was followed by Progressive Games. Miss Woodhead kindly gave two prizes for the best fancy dresses.

The Spring Meeting was held on March 22nd, when the O.G. Dramatic Society gave scenes from "A School for Scandal," by Sheridan.

The Summer Meeting was held on the School Birthday.

Arrangements were made for the entertainment of a party from the Birmingham Women's Settlement on July 23rd. The following members were elected for the Dance Committee:—Mrs. Davies, Misses M. Taylor, D. Kent, K. Copestake, G. Wilks; Secretaries: Misses N. Land and J. Babb.

It was decided that the Old Girls' Prize should be given this year for a paper on General Knowledge.

Miss Cooper kindly offered the Old Girls the use of the School tennis courts on Thursday evenings.

MARKET DAY.

What a crowd! but how drab and uninteresting people look, intent on their own purposes, hurrying, hurrying to get back home, and to finish this buying and selling.

There are people round every stall, buying clothes, meat, cakes, fruit, and even gramophone records and popular songs.

There is quite a crowd round one of the fruit stalls, still and yet stirring a little, blocking out the piles of fruit from view, except for unexpected glimpses of golden grape fruit, brilliant oranges, or pale green apples, through the hook of an elbow, bent with a basket, or between the neck and shoulders of two pushing women. Everything is shaded from the sun by the dull, buff, rain-marked tarpaulin, stretched over the cross-poles at the top of the stall. And the people themselves, hard-working country women, in dull-coloured serviceable clothes, buying only what they cannot grow. A man, obviously uneasy, buying the first thing he sees, shy and a little ashamed of himself, pretending with a lordly air that he has perfect knowledge of whether the fourpenny or fivepenny plums are the better for stewing. He is obviously a townsman, shopping for his wife, on the way home from the office. The women—knowing—look a wee bit scornful, or are too busy with their own purchases to notice at all.

How patiently the egg women stand, waiting for how long before they sell their stock. Eggs upon eggs lying on the pale straw: hen eggs, duck eggs, turkey eggs, brown white, and that peculiarly beautiful blue green. Live hens wriggle uncomfortably in twos, their legs tied up with bits of rag. A pure white duck sits in a basket, still and seemingly unconscious of the noise and bustle around it, its head sunk into its white feathers. A row of dead rabbits lie sprawling on the pavement. How pathetic they look, their little heads hanging limp over the curb stone, all their vitality gone, and their soft fur ruffled and blood stained.

A gipsy stands selling artificial flowers, holding a great bunch of them, all the colours of the rainbow, stiff and unbending on their wire stalks, rustling a little in the slight wind, such a perfect copy, and yet so inferior to their live models. The woman herself looks out of place among the pale-skinned dull-clad crowd, with her shiny black hair bound in a crimson handkerchief, huge gold

earrings touching her olive skin, and her white blouse, red skirt and necklaces making a touch of colour equal to that of her flowers.

She steps hurriedly back with the rest of the people near her to let a lorry pass. Young calves are visible through its latticed sides bound for the Smithfield, although it seems it can never get there, so dense is the crowd and so narrow the way between the stalls. The calves look frightened and stir uneasily in their cramped quarters, giving that weak, quavering little "moo" of theirs.

There are no women in the Smithfield, only men. Dealers looking out for bargains in the cattle line, farmers bringing in live stock for sale, and ragged-looking drovers waiting for a job. The animals wait in pens here. The cows look disdainful or angry, and persist in walking into the wrong pens; while if one leads, all the rest follow. A pig, alone in the other side of the Smithfield, looks lonely, and strolls round its pen, grunting sadly to itself; while near the cows, a pen is packed with blank looking sheep, who strangely enough stand still, until one sneezes, then there is a general stir among them.

A tradesman is demonstrating a piece of farm machinery; a crowd of farmers watch, and discuss its merits, until a bell rings, and the sales begin.

And so market day goes on, until, tired and laden with the week's supplies the country people return home, the drovers and their charges mingle with the streams of horses and traps, and buses, whose bright colours are dulled by a layer of dust and mud splashes. The stallholders slowly pack, helped and hindered by legions of small boys, offering their services, or hunting for firewood under the fruit stalls, until the market place is empty but for the Council workmen sweeping up the rubbish.

J. UNDERWOOD.

PICNICKING.

We in England have a season which goes by the name of Summer—a name which it seldom deserves. When it does live up to it, therefore, we are filled with all sorts of lovely feelings, and we stand under the most powerful sunbeam we can find, and think of picnics. Now picnics in theory are all very well, but in practice they lose much of their charm.

One day last July, I collected a few friends, to help in the washing up in the nearest limpid brook, and we set off swinging the hamper to the tune of 'Pack up your troubles.' But after the first

two hundred yards or so we noticed that the hamper was heavy, and the road dusty, so we postponed our happiness until we should reach the chosen spot. Arriving there, we dropped the hamper with a sigh of relief, and crack went the lemonade bottle. Being still in a good temper, that did not worry us much; we said that we could boil some water and have that, it wouldn't hurt us if it was boiled. Then we settled down to read, and immediately a search party of earwigs and several colonies of ants set out to explore us. We murmured something in French, and moved round, but the impudent creatures followed us. So we thought we would have a bathe, and get rid of them that way. But when we sat up to our necks in the water, all the winged everythings of the neighbourhood used our heads as aerodromes. We at last gave it up and decided to have tea. We lit a camp fire which made us all choke, but which had the advantage of removing some of the pests. We couldn't have any fruit, as we had left the tin-opener at home. Then I remembered 'Three Men in a Boat,' and we followed the same method of treatment. We beat it and thumped it and jumped on it, we 'battered it into every form known to geometry,' but no hole appeared. So we tipped the tin back and left it strictly alone, turning our attention to the rest of our tea. We attempted to have that, but all sorts of uncanny things came down on rope ladders and flopped into the cups, and centipedes got stuck in the butter, and walked off minus several legs; and wasps sneaked everything we couldn't swallow before they saw it. At last we threw everything back again, and made a wild dash for home, pursued by whooping tribes of gnats, mosquitoes, and such like pirates of the air, all thirsting for our blood.

E. CAWSER.

POOR TEACHER.

There was once a School Inspector who was of rather a nervous temperament. He was at a School one day very busy writing in a small room at the side of a large classroom, and he went to the children and asked them to be quiet. As time went on they did not seem to take any notice, so he jumped up and opened the classroom door. Seeing one girl with her back to him, making a great deal more noise than the others, he grabbed her by the arm and marched her into his room saying, "Sit there until I've done." Some time later he had quite forgotten the girl, when presently there came a very timid knock at the door, and a small girl put her head round saying in a meek little voice, "Please, Sir, can you spare our teacher?"

BETTY TAYLOR, aged 11 years. Lower IV.

THE FLOOD LIGHTING.

While on my holidays in London, I went up to see the flood lighting. We stood under Big Ben while it struck nine, and on the last stroke the light flooded it. The face was pink and the tower stood out against the dark sky showing up all the tiny carvings. From there we walked through St. James' Park, all the flowers and shrubs were lit up, the electric light seemed to show the colour more glowingly than sunlight. The reflection of the light on the Serpentine made it seem like fairyland. From there we went to Buckingham Palace which was dazzling white, this was so different from its usual gloomy appearance. We then went to Trafalgar Square. Only the top of the column was illuminated, and the figure of Nelson seemed to be floating in space. The golden cross and ball on the top of St. Paul's Cathedral shone brightly under the strong rays of light.

We had to move with the crowd, but everyone seemed good tempered and happy. The traffic was very congested and had to move at a snail's pace. Policemen were stationed all along the thickly-crowded roads, but sometimes neither they nor the mounted police could control the great number of people.

JOAN SALT, aged 12 years.

THE HISTORY OF UTTOXETER BELLS.

Until 1874 there were only six bells in the tower ; now there are eight. The two bells put in are the Tenor and Treble. On three of the old bells there are inscriptions.

On the second bell is :—" Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, made us all, 1729."

On the third is :—" Prosperity to this town and parish, 1729."

And the seventh is :—" I to the church the living call ; And to the grave do summon all, 1729."

The sixth bell is the curfew bell. The eighth bell is the toll bell.

The second to seventh were hung in 1729. The first and eighth in 1874. Until 1929 there was a carillon, but as the apparatus is now out of order and would cost too much to repair, it does not chime now.

It used to chime as follows :—

Monday—"My lodging is on the cold, cold ground."

Tuesday—"The Last Rose of Summer."

Wednesday—"The Minstrel Boy."

Thursday—"The Bluebells of Scotland."

Friday—"The Postman's Knock."

Saturday—"Home Sweet Home."

Sunday—"Hanover."

Sir Arthur Heywood rang the Tenor when it was rehung in 1905 and said: 'it was true to a hair.'

MOIRA LEWIS.

A MOUNTAIN STREAM IN WALES.

High on the mountains are dark, deep pools,
 Black peat bogs where stagnant waters lie,
 All is silent; 'neath a cloudy sky.
 Slowly the water flows
 'Twixt bright green moss that grows
 Close to the water's edge. O'er bare rocks
 Murmuring it swiftly takes its way
 Down through the valleys, where bushes may
 Find scanty foothold on the mountain slopes.
 Frothing, splashing,
 Dashing
 Into pools of foams;
 Leaping over falls,
 Where the unknown calls
 To lovers of the countryside to roam,
 Through dark pine woods, under slabs of stone,
 Bridges of the ancient men unknown.
 Flowing slower as it nears the coast,
 Through green fields where fairies dance the most;
 Then singing joyfully.
 It mingles with sea.

MARGARET L. MELLOR,

Aged 16 years 3 months.

Owing to the cold summer there has been a lack of crane-flies this year. (Alias Daddy-long-legs).

A LAMENT FOR THE DADDY-LONG-LEGS.

O wily daddy-long-legs
It is long since you came
And put your sylph-like figure
Upon our window frame.
We feel it very deeply,
A shame it is indeed
To bar you from our country
Without the slightest need.
But pray you, daddy-long-legs
Don't lay the blame on us,
It is the English climate
That causes all this fuss.

B. YVONNE UNDERWOOD,
Aged 14 years 10 months.

Some answers in the General Knowledge Competition.

Evidently the girl who wrote the following about Ghandi has not read the newspapers lately. Ghandi is the name of a race horse that ran in the Grand National.

Garribaldi was a Scotchman who invented the tuck-in blouse.

A heifer is the head man of the town.

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